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To whom it may concern,

This shall be considered as the response regarding MUR # 6871. This shall also cover all persons incriminated, both Joshua J. Tucker and Edwin Stremel, as the two involved in the campaign committee Tucker for Congress (TfC).

A complaint was made about a robo-calling operation conducted by a 3rd-party (The Political Group) on behalf of TfC. The complaint states:

"On July 26, 2014, a fellow voter in the Second District received and recorded an automated telephone call from a person purporting to be Mr. Tucker. This message included no disclaimer indicating the organization or person financially responsible for this electioneering activity."

I can attest to the validity of those claims. I want to be forthright and open, providing the Commission with as much information surrounding the event. I'm not trying to mislead the Commission. I'm sure it happened. However, *as soon as this mistake was realized, conciliatory action was taken at the earliest available time.* As the documentation will show. This was not done with "knowing and willful intent" but was merely a brief oversight, and also I do not believe that there was a "substantial amount of activity" because it was fixed ASAP, allowing only for 2 or maybe 3 days worth (out of a possible 10 or 11 days) of robocalling by the 3rd-party, included email correspondence with the 3rd party should help demonstrate this.

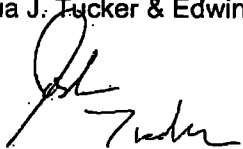
At the time, statistics from the 3rd Party were requested for performance review, not due to this matter, but none were ever provided, therefore I do not know if the 500 call threshold was breached, but I'd imagine it was.

I believe it is also notable that this was the one phone-banking operation. I also had compliant newspaper ads, signs and flyers. My campaign didn't do much fundraising and we raised less than \$10,000.00 So my outreach was minimal. This was also our first campaign, we didn't have any consultants and any knowledge we had came from reading through the Candidate Guide and other "hard knocks" that we learned from along the way. This complaint is certainly one of those "hard knocks" and the lessons learned will be remembered if either of us are ever involved in future campaigns.

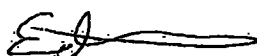
We're hoping that the merits of my response, and that the violation has been remedied and not likely to be repeated would be grounds for dismissal and will not justify the likely cost/difficulty of an investigation.

Respectfully,

- Joshua J. Tucker & Edwin Stremel of the Tucker for Congress Campaign Committee



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